Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Public Accountancy

September 15, 2016 1000 Washington Street, Room ID Boston, MA 02118

Board Members Present:

Regina D. Hunter, CPA, Secretary Richard H. Gmeter, CPA, Member Randall S. Davis, CPA, Chairman

Staff Members Present:

James A. O'Connor, *Board Legal Counsel*Caroline Quan, *Board Staff*Ana Garcia, *Executive Director*

Board Members Not Present:

Mark **S.** Robinson, CPA, *Member* Open Seat, Public *Member*

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairman Davis.

Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedures

Board Legal Counsel O'Connor discussed the emergency evacuation procedures including a specified meeting location outside the building so all may be accounted for in the event of an actual emergency (the location is across the street from the front of the building at the entrance to Whole Foods). For the enjoyment and comfort of all attending, locations of restrooms and dining facilities were also reviewed. Legal Counsel O'Connor to check with security regarding any new procedures for Board Members upon entering the building.

General Business

• Minutes of August 18th, 2016

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes for the above referenced meeting. Thereafter, a motion was made by Member Grueter and seconded by Chairman Davis to approve the minutes as amended. Secretary Hunter abstained since she was not present during the August meeting.

On motion by Secretary Hunter, seconded by Member Grueter, the Board voted unanimously to suspend the open meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C to review cases in Investigative Conference:

<u>Investigative Conference:</u> *under M G.L.* C. 112 §65C [Closed Session]

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The Board took the following action:

No action was taken on any of the cases presented. Since Member Grueter recused himself, the PWC case was presented by Chairman Davis.

• CA-16-034 [J.D.]

The Board took the following action:

Chairman Davis recused and due to the lack of quorum, the Board voted to table this matter until the October 20th, 2016 meeting.

• CA-16-038 [J.M.]

The Board took the following action:

The Board dismissed the case with an advisory letter. Member Grueter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis, unanimous roll call.

CA-16-039 [L.W.J

The Board took the following action:

The Board dismissed the case with an advisory letter. Member Grueter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis, unanimous roll call.

• CA-16-041 [L.R.]

The Board took the following action:

Chairman Davis recused and due to the lack of quorum, the Board voted to table this matter until the October 20\ 2016 meeting.

• CA-16-043 [R.L.]

The Board took the following action:

The Board dismissed the case without prejudice. Secretary Hunter motioned, seconded by Member Grueter.

On motion by Member Grueter, seconded by Chairman Davis, the Board voted unanimously to suspend the Investigative Conference pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C to review a case in Quasi-Judicial Deliberative Session:

At 10:46 .AM, the Board motioned to go into open session. Member Grueter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis.

Correspondences

The Board addressed and reviewed the items of correspondence as publicized in its agenda. The correspondence and the Board's action regarding each are as follows:

• Email dated 8/22/2016 from Jeremy re: CPE's Assessment

The Board took the following action:

The Board approved 4 CPE credits for the course. Member Grueter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis.

• E-mail dated 8/25/2016 from Anna Coffey re: AUD Credit Extension

The Board took the following action:

The Board granted an extension until the October test date window only to take the FARE portion of the exam. No further extensions will be granted. Member Grueter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis.

• E-mail dated 8/26/2016 from Bob Stafford re: CPE's for CFP exam

The Board took the following action:

The Board granted 23 CPE credit hours (1/2 hour for every online hour). Chairman Davis motioned, seconded by Member Grueter.

Transition of Non-Reporting License

For members electing to update their Non-Reporting License to a Full-Reporting License by completing the 80 hours of attest CPEs, the Board will implement a !-year transition period beginning on the promulgation of the updated Regulations.

On motion by Secretary Hunter, seconded by Member Grueter, the Board voted unanimously to suspend the open meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C to review cases in Investigative Conference:

<u>Investigative Conference:</u> *under M G.L.* C. 112 §65C [Closed Session]

• CA-16-020 [S.B.]

The Board took the following action:

The Board dismissed the case with an advisory letter. Motioned by Chairman Davis, seconded by Member Gruter, seconded by Chairman Davis, Secretary Hunter dissents.

At 12:55, the Board motioned to go into open session. Secretary Hunter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis.

New Business:

Under the 48 hour rule -

• Letter dated 9/2/2016 from Donald W. Kent re: CPE Extension

The Board took the following action:

The Board approved the request and granted a 6-month extension. Secretary Hunter motioned, seconded by Chairman Davis.

Proposed 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board took the following action:

The Board will review the proposed schedule and alert board staff of any requested changes.

Adjournment

Chairman Davis obtained assurance from the Board's staff that the day's agenda had been completed, and there being no objections, on a motion by Secretary Hunter, seconded by Member Grueter, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the September 15, 2016 meeting at 1:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Regina Hunter, CPA

Secretary

Massachusetts Board of Registration of Public Accountancy

List of Documents Used by the Board at the Open Meeting:

- Email dated 8/22/2016 from Jeremy Calva re: CPE's Assessment
- E-mail dated 8/25/2016 from Anna Coffey re: AUD Credit Extension
- E-mail dated 8/26/2016 from Bob Stafford re: CPE's for CFP exam

List of Documents Used by the Board at the Open Meeting on topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting:

- Letter dated 9/2/2016 from Donald W. Kent re: CPE Extension
- Proposed 2017 Board Meeting Schedule